

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Board of Appeal and Review met at its headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday December 10, 2013 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Newbrook, Vice Chairperson Filippi and Commissioners Pearson, Thornton, Jackson, Richard, Blackburn, Burlingame and Sylvester. Commissioners Walker and Booth were absent from the hearing. Also present were Executive Director Thomas B. Coffey, Jr. and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.

The following cases were heard.

Chief James Gumbly appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office, requesting an interpretation regarding occupancy classification for the property located at 1599 Main Street, West Warwick. ADSFM James Bobola and ADSFM Albert Zinno appeared for the West Warwick Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairperson Filippi and Commissioner Thornton, to table this case until January 14, 2014, to allow the Applicant to return with a proposed plan of action for the above property. The motion passed with Commissioners Burlingame and Sylvester abstaining from the vote.

APPEAL #130180: Hilco Athletic & Graphics Inc., for the property located at 55 Greenhill Avenue, West Warwick. ADSFM James Bobola and ASDFM Albert Zinno appeared for the West Warwick Fire

Marshal's Office. Commissioner Burlingame made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to table this case until January 28, 2014 and directed the Applicant to return to the Fire Board with a plan of action at that time. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #130181: Mr. Daniel Coren, for the property located at 57 Greenhill Avenue, West Warwick. ADSFM James Bobola and ASDFM Albert Zinno appeared for the West Warwick Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Burlingame made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to table this case until January 28, 2014 and directed the Applicant to return the Fire Board with a plan of action at that time. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #130190: Mr. Philip S. Dey II, for the property located at 18-20 Brinley Street, Newport. ADSFM Christopher Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Burlingame made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the Newport Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of a fully compliant fire alarm system in this facility and an additional 150 days to implement that plan, with the Newport Fire Marshal's Office authorized to extend the above deadline, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The Board granted the Applicant a time variance of fifteen (15) days for the installation of fire extinguishers in this facility. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #130187: Town of Scituate, for the property located at 953 Tunk Hill Road, Scituate. DSFM Eric Kiernan appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Burlingame, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the State Fire Marshal's Office to bring the exit door from the community room into full compliance and an additional 150 days to implement that plan, with the State Fire Marshal's Office authorized to extend the above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #130188: Town of Scituate, for the property located at 1362 Chopmist Hill Road, Scituate. DSFM Eric Kiernan appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Burlingame, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the State Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of a compliant apparatus door and an additional 150 days to implement that plan, with the State Fire Marshal's Office authorized to extend the above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #130053A: President Joan Joseph, for the property located at 295 Harris Avenue, Providence. ADSFM Richard Vespia and ADSFM Joseph Michalczyk appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded

by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to complete all the work in this facility, subject to the project design professional signing a structural affidavit for this facility. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #130195: Mr. John McElkenny, for the property located at 290 Main Street, Wakefield. ADSFM Robert Emmott appeared for the Union Fire District Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Burlingame made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, denying the Applicant's request for a variance on travel distance in this facility. The motion was unanimous.

Old Business:

Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to accept the subcommittee's recommendations for the property located at 224 Benefit Street in Providence, (file#130180) subject of an on-site review on 12-5-13. The motion passed with Commissioner Blackburn abstaining from the vote.

Commissioner Blackburn made motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to accept Blanket Variance 13-06, regarding the once a year inspection for cooking and suppression systems in seasonal facilities statewide. The motion was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

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